

# A View From History



## From government to music

The current Old Fire House Teen Center was once the seat of Redmond government as well as the City's first official fire station and police headquarters. Work towards this first City Hall began under the Bill Brown administration but was completed under Mayor Louis Green. The first of the funding came from a rather unusual source, the sale of a gun club for \$10,300.

Back then, the Fire Department was all-volunteer. Their vehicles were stored in a two-stall garage across from the old feed mill site, so they had a great deal of motivation to build a better facility. Firefighters provided much of the all volunteer labor that went into construction of the building while many of the materials were donated as well.

The building was complete in 1950 and housed offices and a meeting room for the Mayor and Council, a first-rate fire facility with three bays and a hose drying tower and a jail with two cells. Angry prisoners were known to bang on the walls to interrupt Council meetings.

In 1968, some bank robbers had plans to blow up the building as a diversion to a bank heist but this plan was foiled and it remained City Hall until it was replaced in 1971.

After it was replaced, the building had a variety of uses and is now home to the Old Firehouse Teen Center. So, now a building that once served as a launch point to put out fires now hosts teens that hope to set fires

*.....in the music world that is!*

